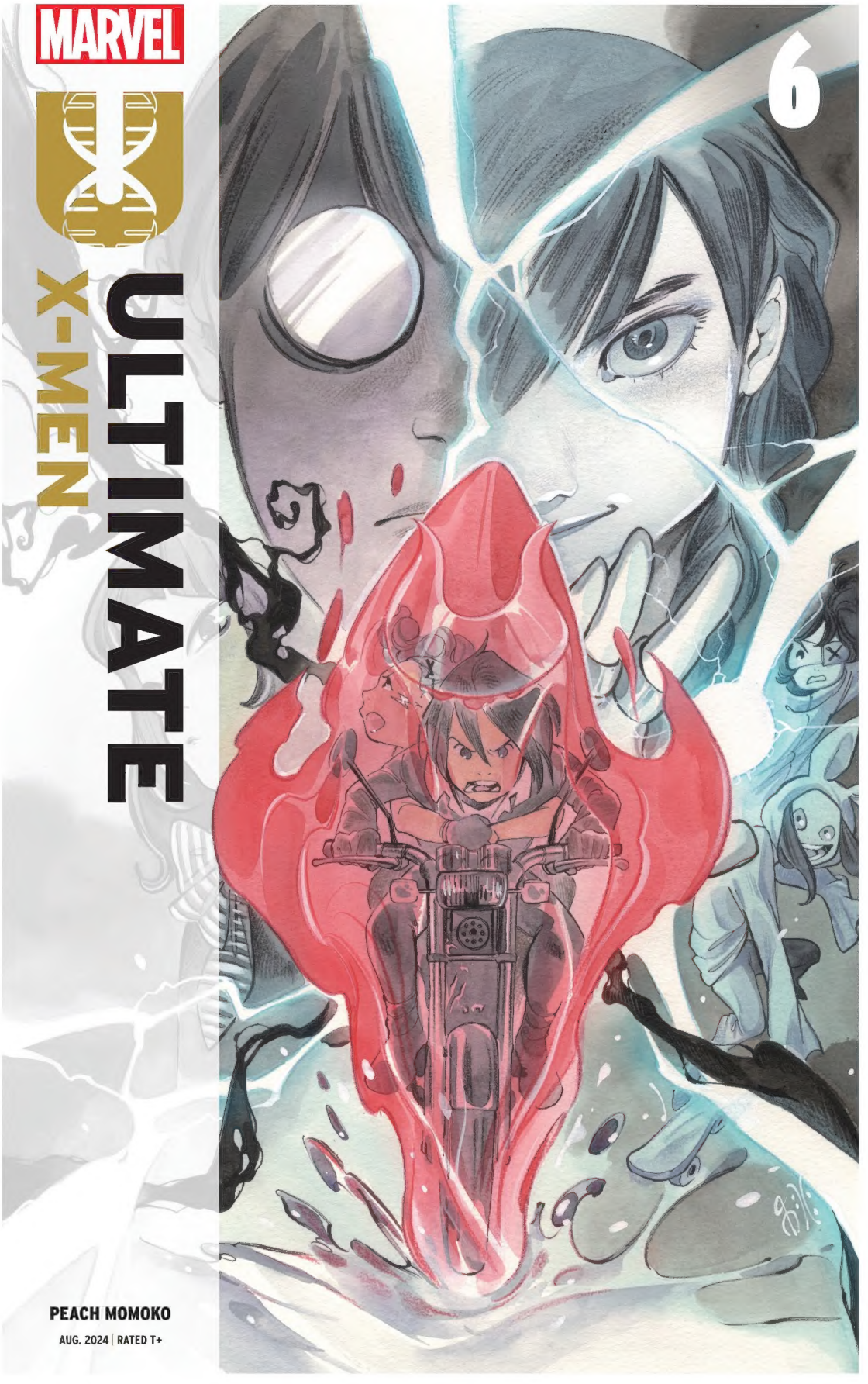
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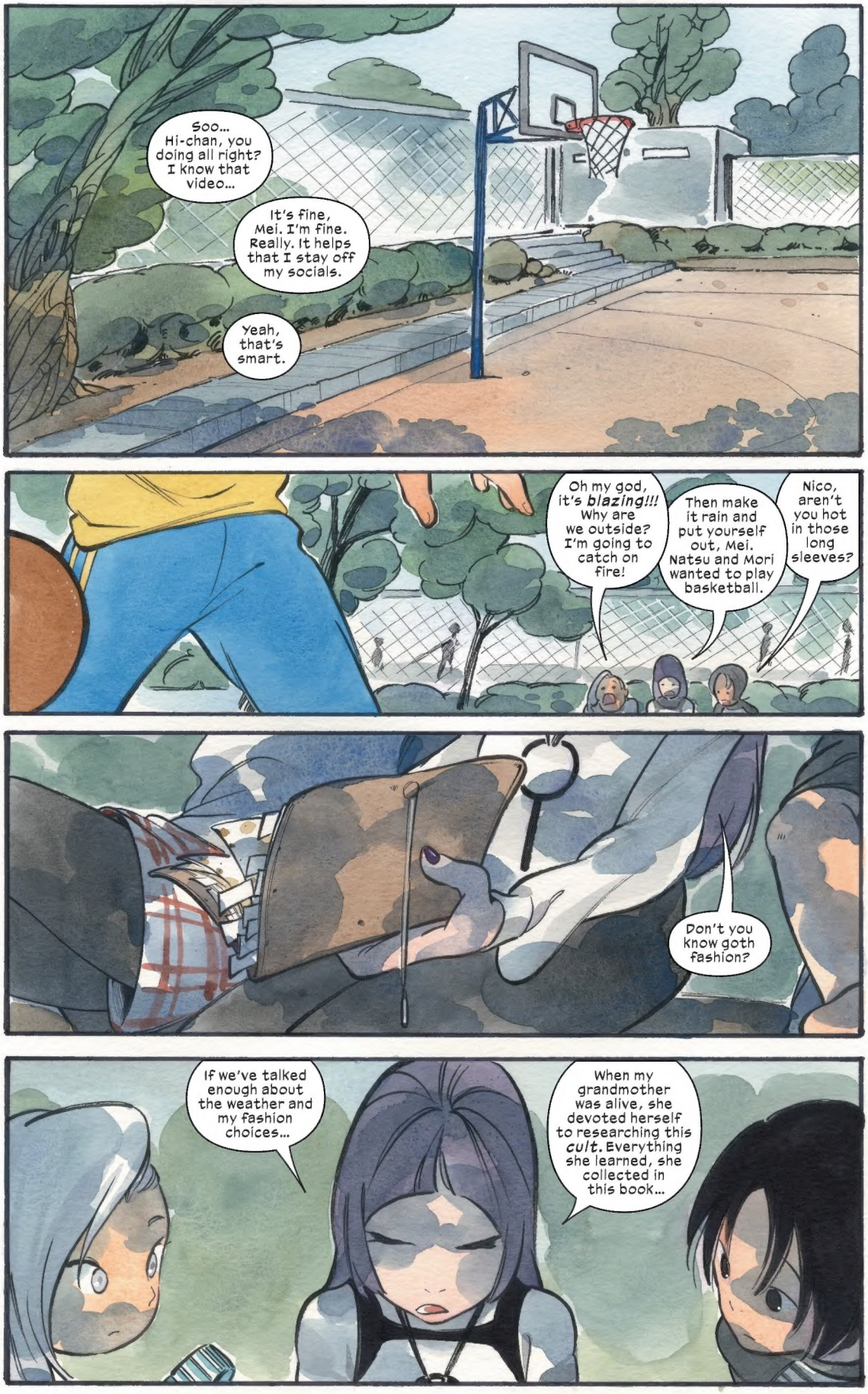
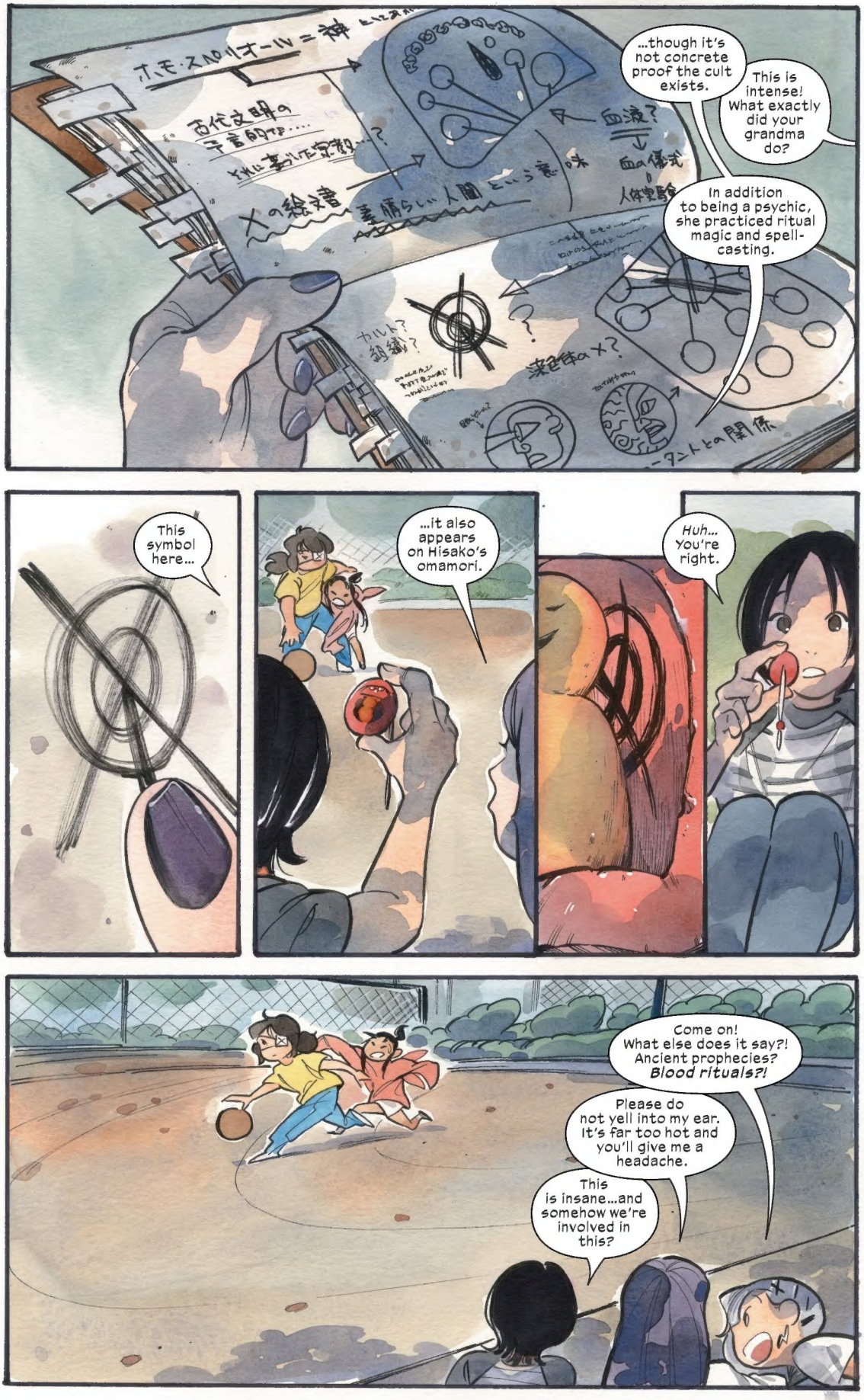
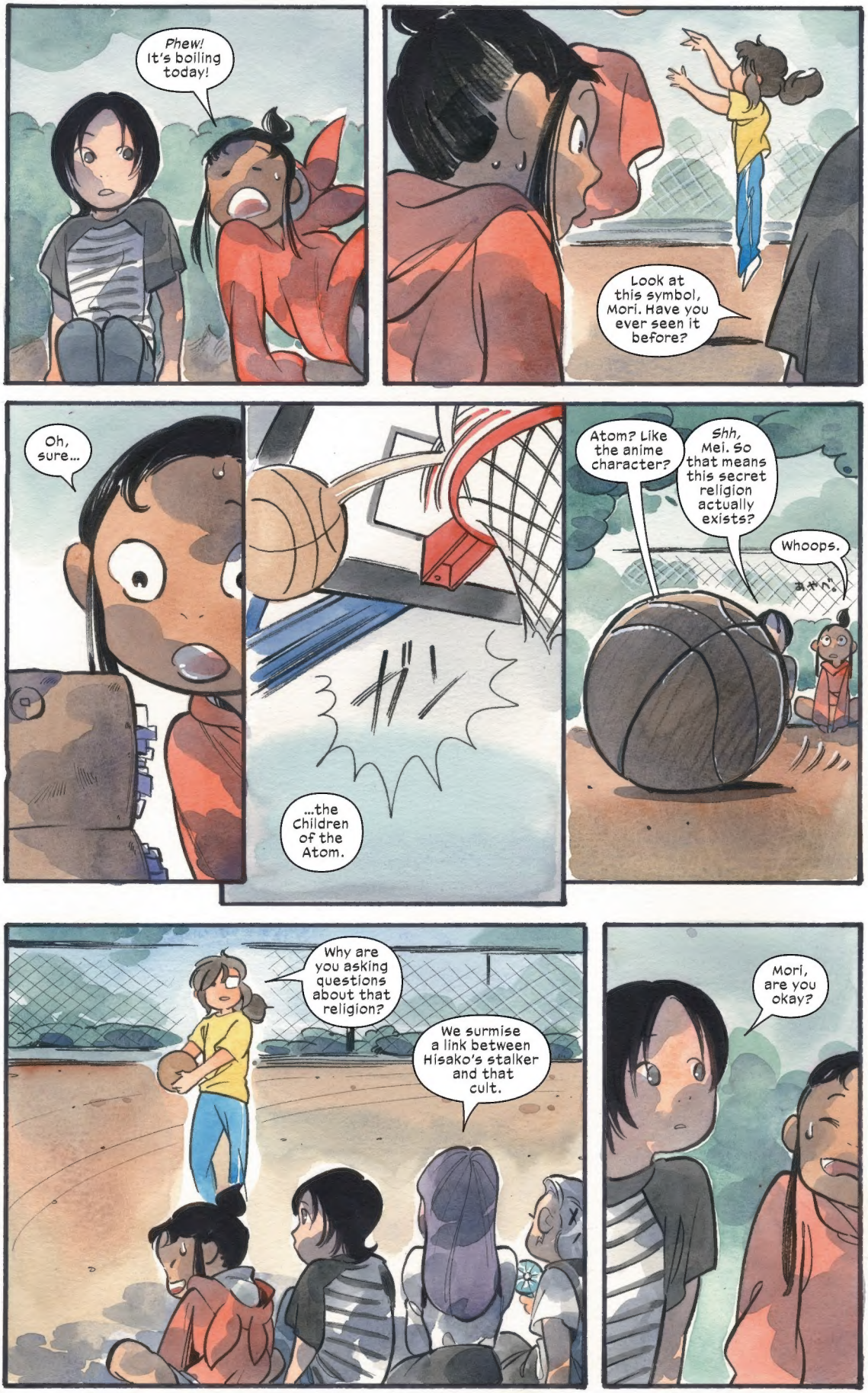

Soo... Hi-chan, you doing all right? I know that video...
It's fine, Mei. I'm fine. Really. It helps that I stay off my socials.
Yeah, that's smart.
Oh my god, it's *blazing!!!* Why are we outside? I'm going to catch on fire!
Then make it rain and put yourself out, Mei. Natsu and Mori wanted to play basketball.
Nico, aren't you hot in those long sleeves?
Don't you know goth fashion?
If we've talked enough about the weather and my fashion choices...
When my grandmother was alive, she devoted herself to researching this *cult*. Everything she learned, she collected in this book...


...though it's not concrete proof the cult exists.
This is intense! What exactly did your grandma do?
In addition to being a psychic, she practiced ritual magic and spell-casting.
This symbol here...
...it also appears on Hisako's omamori.
Huh... You're right.
Come on! What else does it say?! Ancient prophecies? Blood rituals?!
Please do not yell into my ear. It's far too hot and you'll give me a headache.
This is insane...and somehow we're involved in this?


Phew! It's boiling today!
Look at this symbol, Mori. Have you ever seen it before?
Oh, sure...
...the Children of the Atom.
Atom? Like the anime character?
Shh, Mei. So that means this secret religion actually exists?
Whoops.
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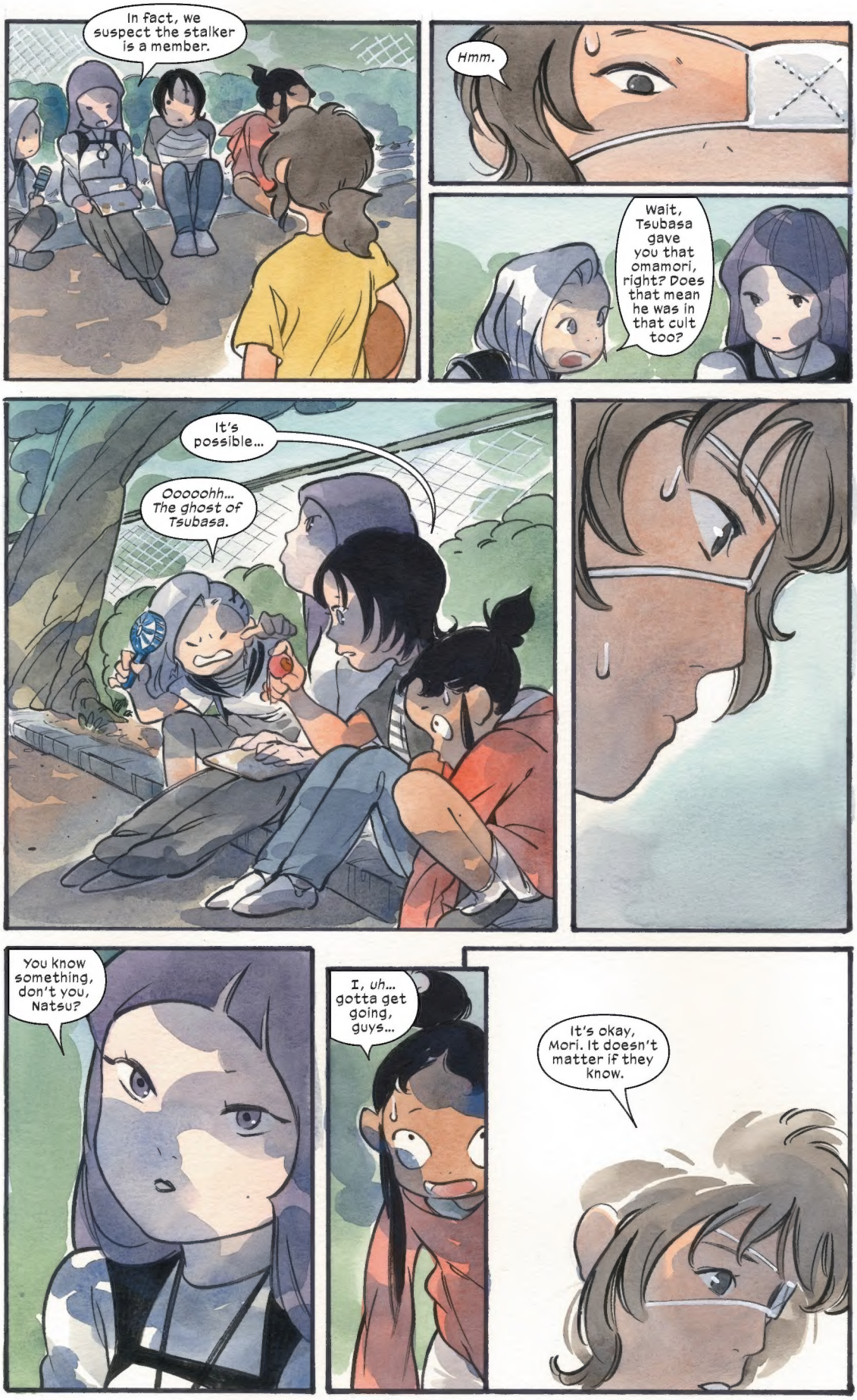
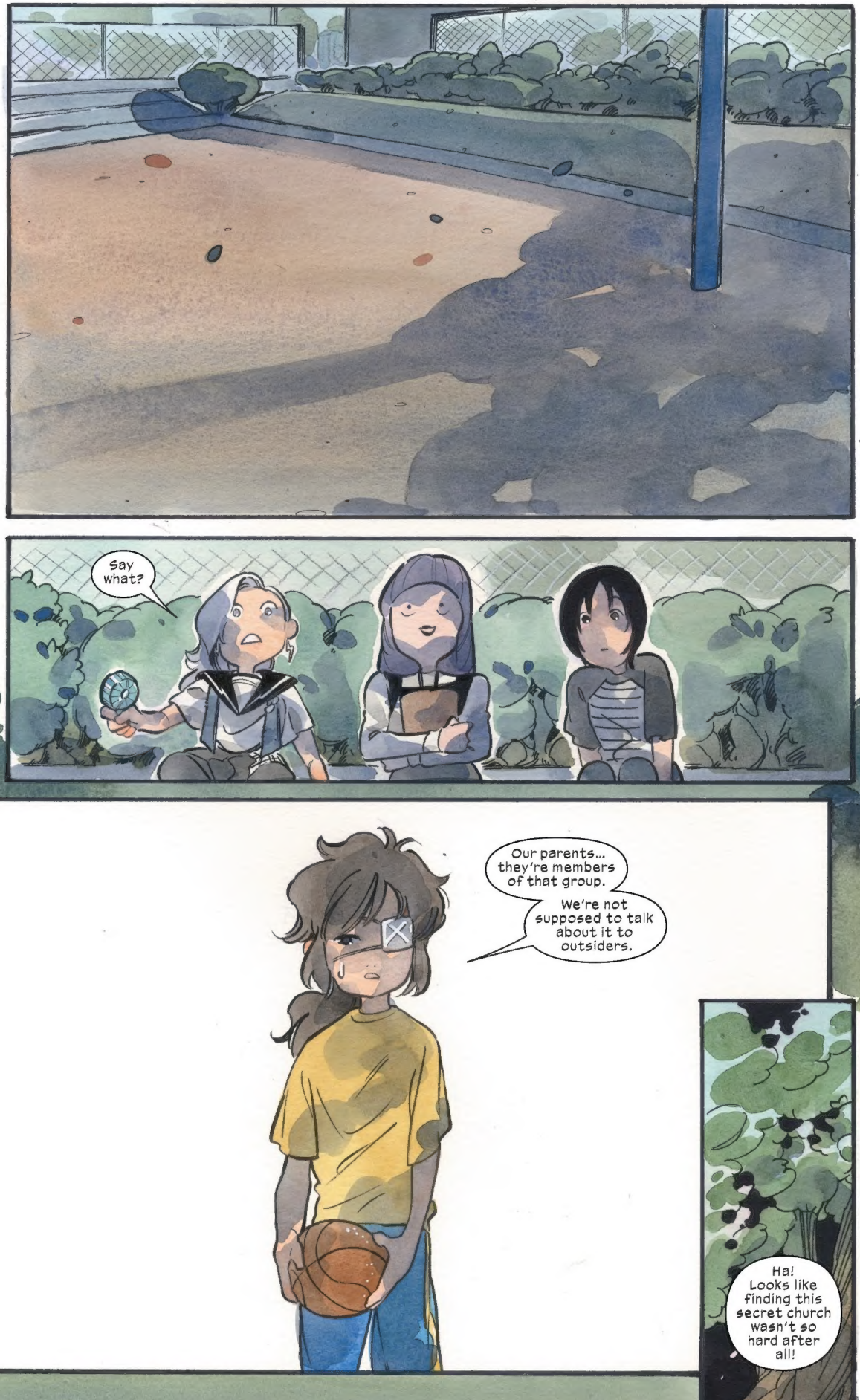
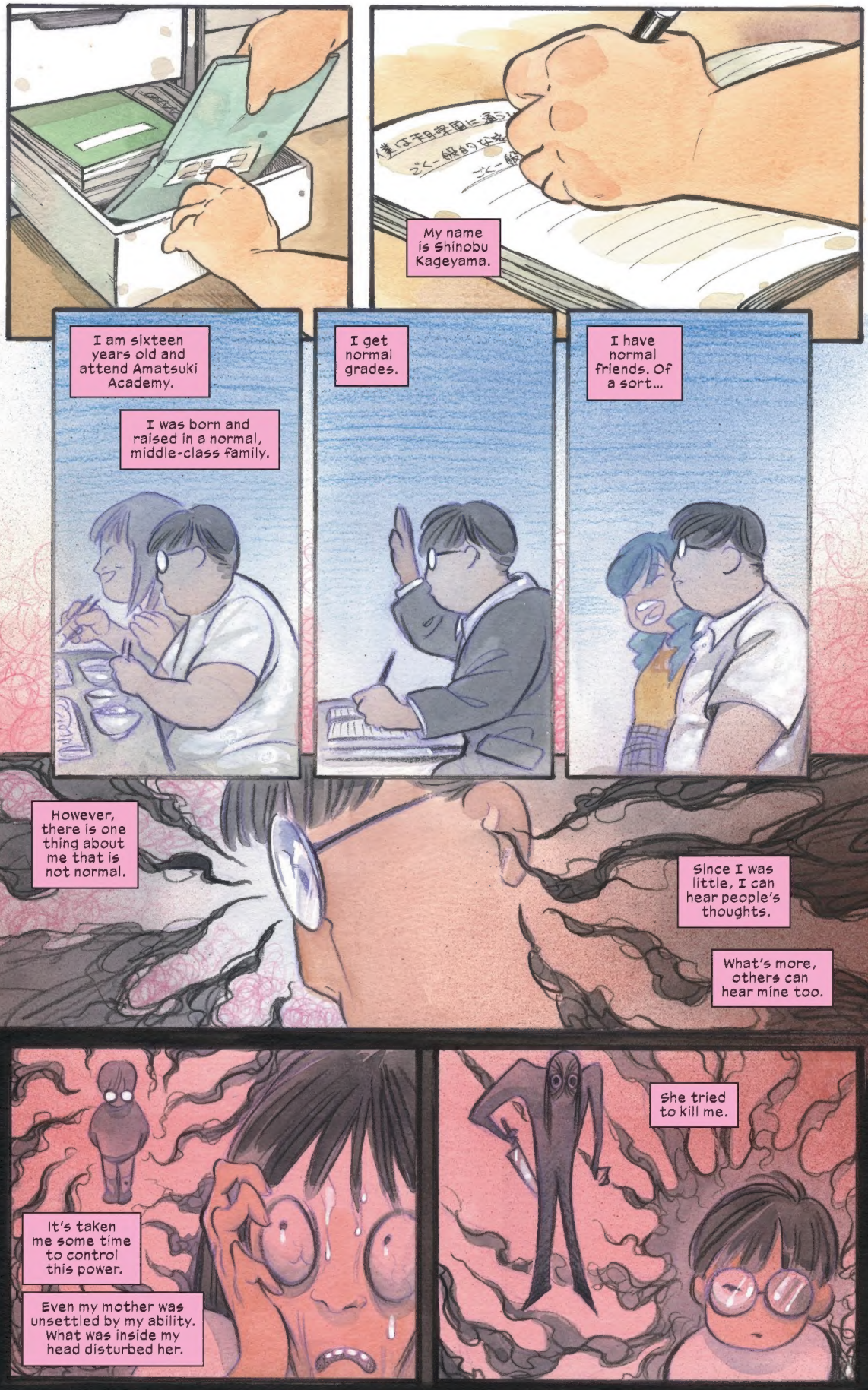
Why are you asking questions about that religion?
We surmise a link between Hisako's stalker and that cult.
Mori, are you okay?


In fact, we suspect the stalker is a member.
Hmm.
Wait, Tsubasa gave you that omamori, right? Does that mean he was in that cult too?
It's possible...
Oooooohh... The ghost of Tsubasa.
You know something, don't you, Natsu?
I, uh... gotta get going, guys...
It's okay, Mori. It doesn't matter if they know.


Say what?
Our parents... they're members of that group.
We're not supposed to talk about it to outsiders.
Ha! Looks like finding this secret church wasn't so hard after all!


My name is Shinobu Kageyama.
I am sixteen years old and attend Amatsuki Academy.
I was born and raised in a normal, middle-class family.
I get normal grades.
I have normal friends. Of a sort...
However, there is one thing about me that is not normal.
Since I was little, I can hear people's thoughts.
What's more, others can hear mine too.
It's taken me some time to control this power.
Even my mother was unsettled by my ability. What was inside my head disturbed her.
She tried to kill me.

For a Peaceful Future
Children of the Atom
Teachings of the Testament of X
Homo superior
Children of the Atom saved my mother... saved *me.*
They told me that I am special. That I am *superior.*
They say I am a savior to this world.

Do you think so too?
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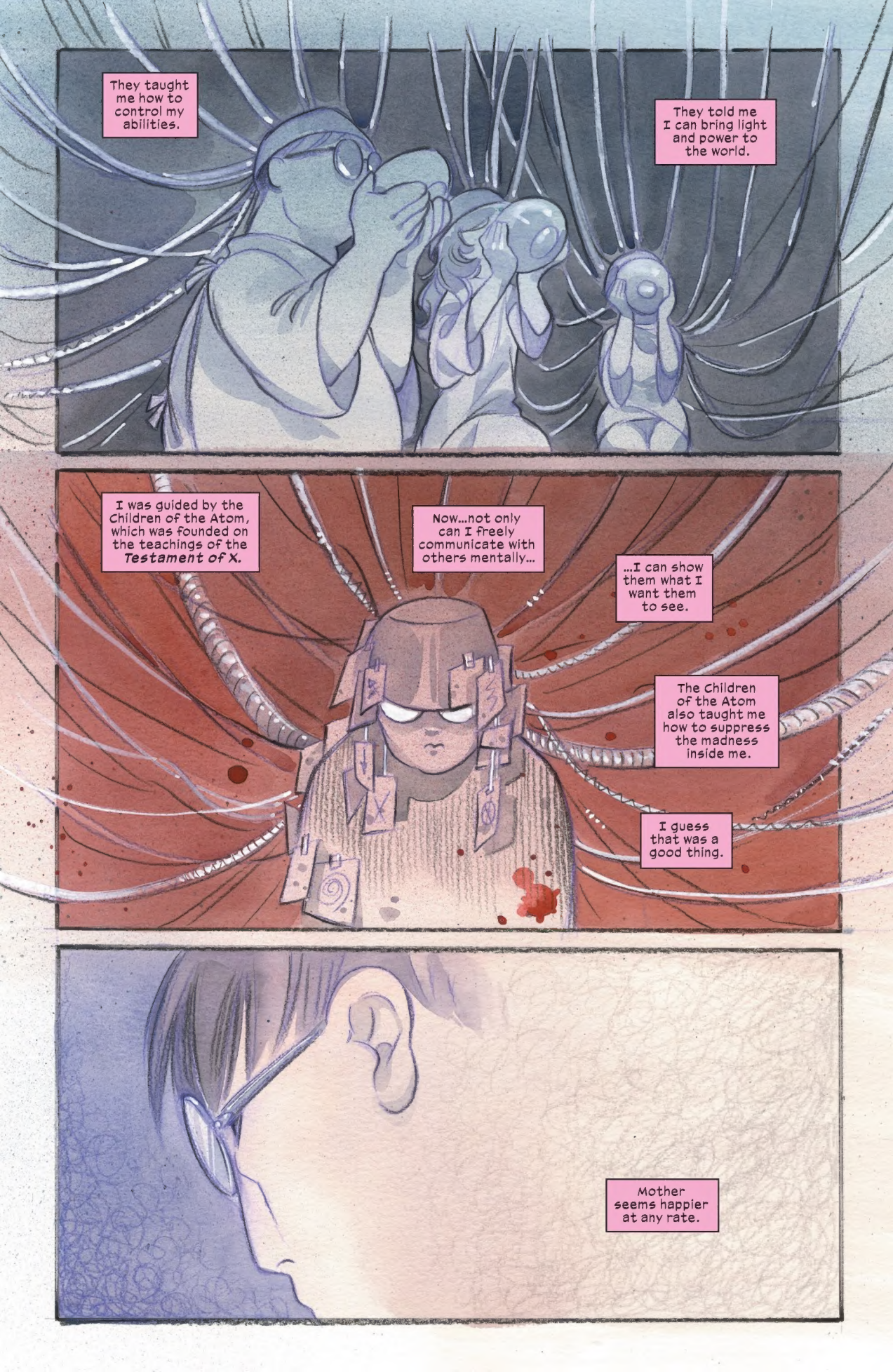

They taught me how to control my abilities.
They told me I can bring light and power to the world.
I was guided by the Children of the Atom, which was founded on the teachings of the *Testament of X.*
Now...not only can I freely communicate with others mentally...
...I can show them what I want them to see.
The Children of the Atom also taught me how to suppress the madness inside me.
I guess that was a good thing.
Mother seems happier at any rate.

If Mother is happy...
...my family is happy.
I was obedient and lived the way they told me.
Until I met you, Hisako Ichiki.

hhhhhhoooo
Did you guys hear that?
Did it just get dark real fast?
Yeah... and cold.
Is someone there?
We should go home...
Kageyama? Is that you...?

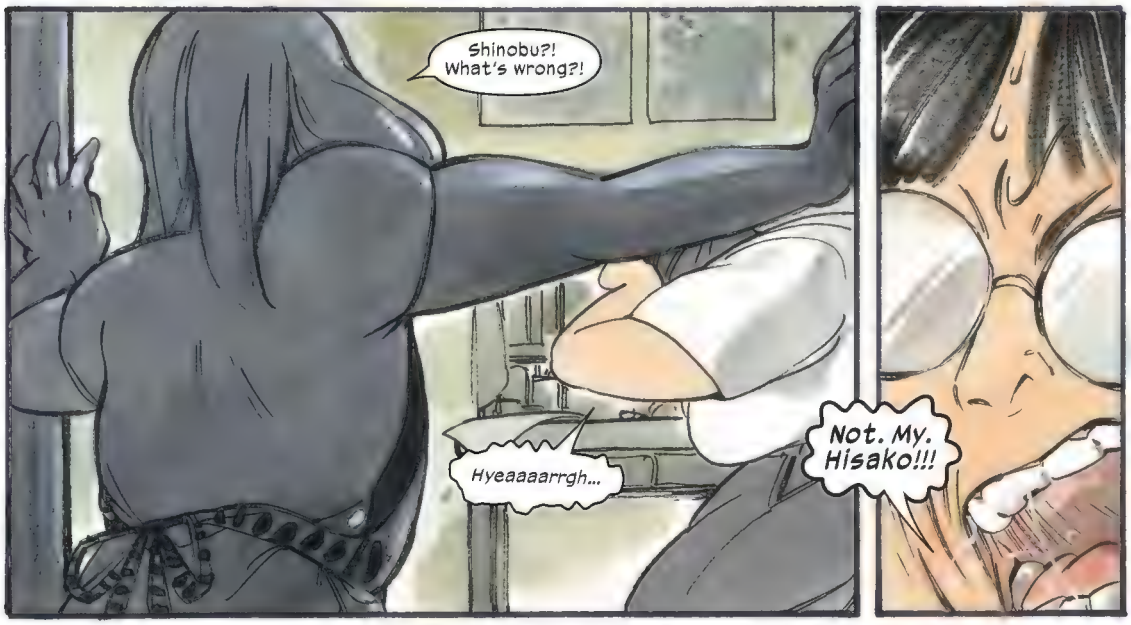
Who is--
--Kageyama?
He creates shadows and visions.
Everyone, be careful. He can make you see and hear things. Don't trust your senses...

Yeah, we know!
What are you doing?!
Here he comes!

Hi-chan! Wait!
YOU!!!
You think I'm the one closed off from the world? That I have no friends?
Why don't you come out of the shadows?

Aaaaahhh!!!
Nono nonono no!!!

My Hisako--
--doesn't talk like that!!!


Shinobu?! What's wrong?!
Hyeaaaarrgh...
Not. My. Hisako!!!

YEARRGH!
Stand back, Mei. Give Hisako a chance.
Is she... grabbing his shadow? How is that possible...?
You don't get to hide in the shadows anymore.

Huh?
Plip
Hi, Hisako. Do you remember me?
I...don't. Who are you?

Nico! NOW!
What exactly just happened?
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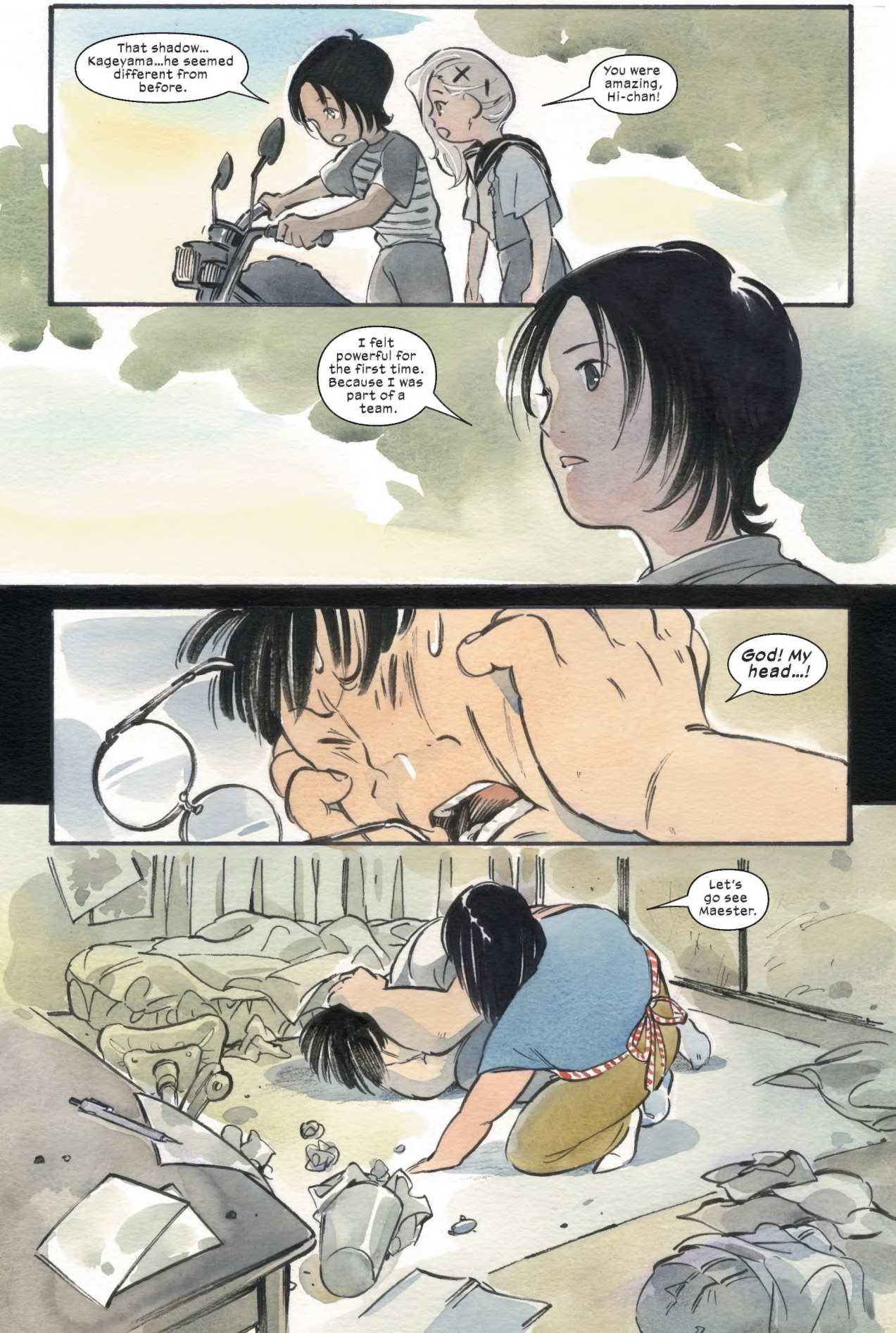
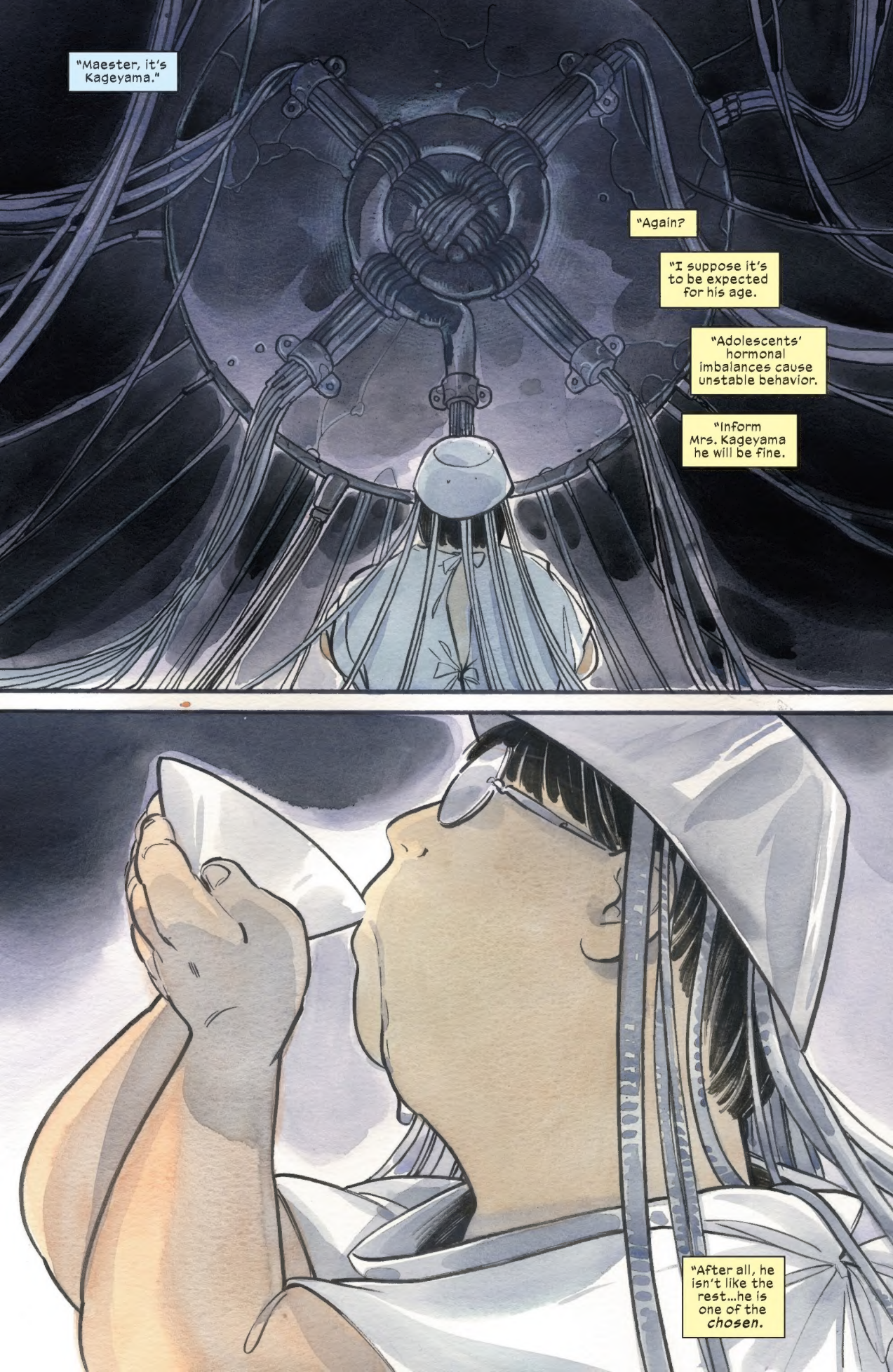

That shadow... Kageyama...he seemed different from before.
You were amazing, Hi-chan!
I felt powerful for the first time. Because I was part of a team.
God! My head...!
Let's go see Maester.


"Maester, it's Kageyama."
"Again?
"I suppose it's to be expected for his age.
"Adolescents' hormonal imbalances cause unstable behavior.
"Inform Mrs. Kageyama he will be fine.
"After all, he isn't like the rest...he is one of the *chosen*.

"A true Homo superior."
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To be continued...

LEXICON

SUPERSTITIONS PART 2

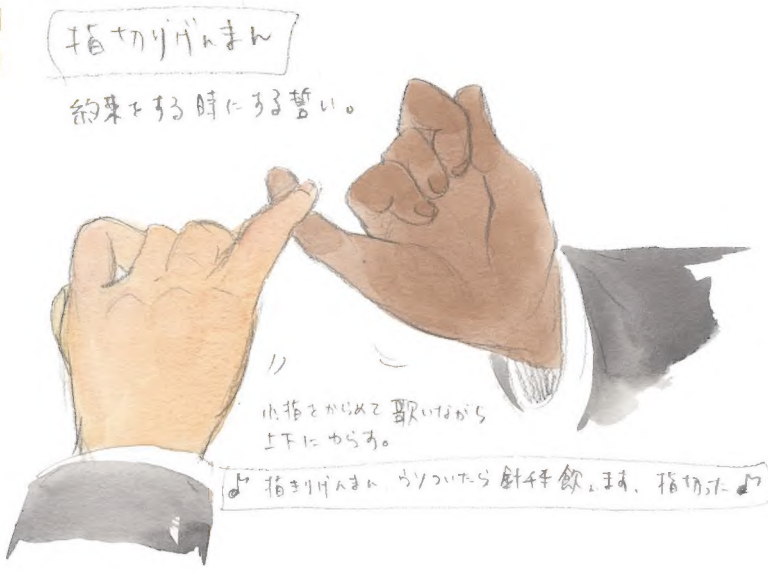
「おまじない」とか、パート2

YUBIKIRI GENMAN (PINKIE PROMISE)

When making a promise, we curl our pinkies together and sing:

"Yubikiri genman, uso tsuitara hari senbon noomasu. Yubi kitta."

It translates to "Pinkie promise, if you break this promise, you will swallow one thousand needles. Pinkie promise."

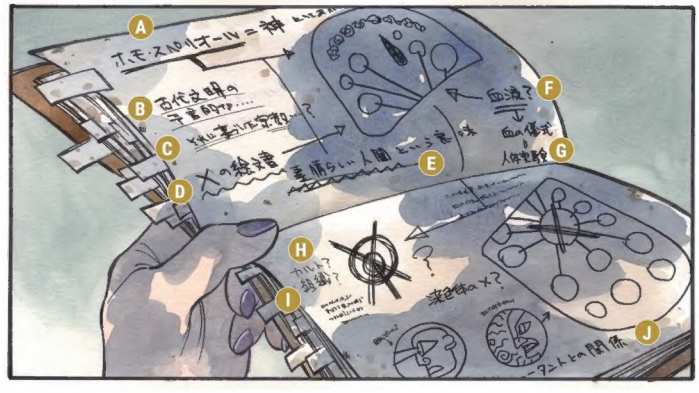


TERU TERU BOZU

雨が降った時や、予定の日に晴れを望む時、
ティッシュをまるめて人形を作り、窓際につるす。
雨が上がるおまじない。

When rain is forecasted, hang these teru teru bozu from your window to stop the rain and make it sunny.

The teru teru bozu are made by rolling tissue balls and covering them like a ghost, then tying around the neck portion.

NICO'S GRANDMOTHER'S RESEARCH

A. Homo superior = God
B. Prophetic Symbols of Ancient Civilizations...
C. Religion based on it...?
D. Testament of X
E. Meaning extraordinary humans
F. Blood?
G. Blood ritual
H. Cult
I. Organization
J. Related to mutation